

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 1-5 with the following:

#### RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of USSN 09/226,766, filed January 6, 1999, now United States Patent No. 6,753,457, which is a continuation of USSN 09/050,380, filed March 30, 1998, now United States Patent No. 6,245,567, which is a continuation of USSN 08/455,981, filed May 31, 1995, now United States Patent No. 5,773,217, which is a division of USSN 08/190,771, filed February 1, 1994, now United States Patent No. 5,651,992, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. USSN 08/013,039, filed February 3, 1993, now United States Patent No. 5,480,772, entitled "Prenatal Screening" the whole of which is hereby incorporated by referenced herein (including the drawings).